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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

AUTOMATED SELF-ILLUMINATING SPORTS & SAFETY HELMET

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

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(if applicable).

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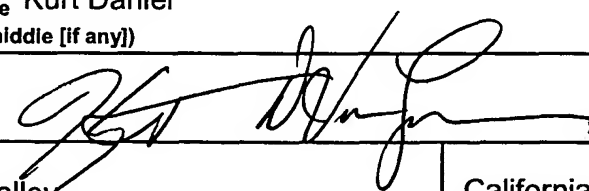
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Application or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed or Issued: 04/30/2003

Title: AUTOMATED SELF-ILLUMINATING SPORTS & SAFETY HELMET

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

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